

Unit 2 Criminology Question Bank

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| AC 1.1 | Compare criminal behaviour and deviance | <p>1. There are a group of young people who hang around a local bus shelter and car park. They are annoying and intimidating residents. They have also been seen taking and selling drugs.</p> <p>(a) Using the scenario outline why the young people's behaviour is labelled deviant in the community. [2]</p> | <p>1. There are a group of young people who hang around a local bus shelter and car park. They are annoying and intimidating residents. They have also been seen taking and selling drugs.</p> <p>(b) Define the term deviance and give one example from case study. [2]</p> | With reference to two examples, explain how deviance differs from crime. [6] | | |
| AC 1.2 | Explain the social construction of criminality | Compare and contrast how laws can change from culture to culture and over time using examples. [7] | 2 -'Explain why some laws have been subject to change' (4 marks) | Describe what is meant by a 'moral panic' and give two examples. [4] | <p>An increase in homelessness in a small town has led to people sleeping in shop doorways. Shopkeepers, shoppers and local people have complained to the police. The police are responding with a zero-tolerance approach to vagrancy. The Vagrancy Act 1824 still applies and makes it a criminal offence to 'sleep rough'. The town holds a one-day music festival and, due to it finishing late, many of the festival goers miss the last transport home and end up sleeping in the station in the town.</p> <p>(a) Explain why some laws such as the Vagrancy Act 1824 have not been subject to change. [4]</p> | Contrast how adultery is viewed differently between two cultures and over time (6) |
| AC 2.1 | Describe biological theories of criminality | 1 -Discuss how physiological factors explain criminality [7] | 2 -Discuss how genetic factors may explain criminality (7) | 3 - Discuss how brain defects may help to explain criminality (7) | 4 - Discuss how biological factors may cause people to commit crime (7) | |
| AC 2.2 | Describe individualistic theories of criminality | 5 - Discuss how individualistic (behavioural) theorists explain criminality (8) | 6 -Explain how the behaviourist theory accounts for honour based violence (6) | 7 -Explain how psychodynamic theories account for criminality (6) | 8 -Explain how maternal deprivation may cause youth offending (6) | |
| AC 2.3 | Describe sociological theories of criminality | Explain how sociological theorists would explain drug offences (6) | Describe what is meant by a self-fulfilling prophecy (4) | Explain how Right Realists would account for the type of crime (5) | Explain the labelling theory of criminality (5) | Explain how marxists would account for shoplifting (6) |
| AC 3.1 | Analyse situations of criminality | <p>There has been a spate of mobile phone theft due to a sudden increase in unemployment in Cambridge. People have become desperate in their situations and the local PCSO's are struggling to deal with the 'muggers'.</p> <p>(a) Identify the offence being committed in the scenario and state its legal name (2)</p> | Describe what is meant by 'crime' (2) | Describe what is meant by hate crime (2) | Describe what is meant by corporate crime (2) | Describe what is meant by white collar crime (2) |
| AC 3.2 | Evaluate the effectiveness of criminological theories to explain | Discuss how individualistic theorists explain criminality (8) | Evaluate the effectiveness of Biological factors in explaining criminality [7] | Discuss how effective marxist theories are in explaining youth offending (8) | Discuss how relevant sociological theories account for people having to 'sleep rough'. (7) | Evaluate the effectiveness of individualistic theories in explaining youth offending (7) |
| AC 4.1 | Assess the use of criminological theories in informing policy | Assess how sociological theories have influenced state punishment policies. [8] | Assess how biological theories have influenced state punishment policies. [8] | Assess how individualistic theories have influenced crime control policies. [8] | Assess how right realist theories have influenced crime control policies. [8] | Describe what is meant by penal populism (4) |
| AC 4.2 | Explain how social changes affect policy development | Assess the impact of social change on homosexuality laws in society [8] | Assess the impact of social change on racism laws in society [8] | Assess how successful social changes have been in affecting policy on domestic violence. (8) | Assess how changing public perception of crime have affected laws on sexual offences (8) | Discuss with two examples how changing attitudes to crime can affect policy development (7) |
| AC 4.3 | Discuss how campaigns affect policy making | With reference to two examples explain how campaigns affect policy making [5] | Discuss how campaigns have affected laws relating to knife crime (5) | Assess the impact of two campaigns in influencing a change in criminal law (8) | | |